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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)  
WITHOUT FILING FEE OR EXECUTED INVENTOR'S DECLARATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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Date: February 8, 2001

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This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RELEASING CONNECTIONS IN AN ACCESS NETWORK**

without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

An abstract together with

21 pages of specification and claims including

45 numbered claims and also attached are

11 sheets of accompanying drawings.

This application is based on the following prior foreign application(s):

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respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom.

This application is based on the following prior provisional application(s):

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respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom.

This application is a  continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. , filed . Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This application is a  continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

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Preliminary amendment to claims (attached hereto), to be entered before calculation of the fee.

Also attached:  Information Disclosure Statement / PTO-1449 / 1 reference;  Non-Publication Request;

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